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<u>REMARKS</u>

At the outset, the Examiner is thanked for the thorough review and consideration of the subject application.

Applicant indicates the status of the pending claims as required and respectfully requests consideration of these claims and Applicant's remarks submitted on May 17, 2005. Applicant believes the foregoing claims place the application in condition for allowance and early, favorable action is respectfully solicited. Should the Examiner deem that a telephone conference would further the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to call the undersigned attorney at (202) 496-7500.

If these papers are not considered timely filed by the Patent and Trademark Office, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. §1.136, and any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for any necessary extension of time, or any other fees required to complete the filing of this response, may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. Please credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 50-0911. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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